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In re Application of

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For: A SPRAYING METHOD AND A SPRAY SYSTEM FOR COATING LIQUIDS

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 4 to 8, 11 to 14, 17 and 20 as follows:

4. (Amended) Spraying method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the accessory liquid (18) is fed in distributed manner over at least a portion of the periphery of the spray jet (14) to this spray jet.

5. (Amended) Spraying method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that at least a portion of the accessory liquid (18) is deposited on an externally peripheral terminal zone (46) of the liquid atomizer (4) and then is guided by said atomizer into the spray jet (14).